

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 10-22 were pending in the application. The applicants have canceled claims 1-9, 16, 17 and 22-37 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The specification, at paragraph 97, has been amended to recite “this format” instead of “a this format.” The amendment corrects for a typographical error.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite that cleavable linkage is chemically cleavable, photochemically cleavable, or enzymatically cleavable, and isolating cell types having at least one antibody bound to at least one cell surface antigen. The amendment finds support throughout the specification, such as, for example, previously pending claims 16 and 17.

Claim 12 has been amended to delete the recitation of “short-lived.”

The amendments to the claims therefore add no new matter and entry is respectfully requested.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to the restriction requirement made final and election of claims 10-22, Applicants cancel claims 1-9 and 23-37 with entry of this amendment. Applicant reserves the right to file subsequent applications claiming the canceled subject matter. In addition, the claim cancellations should not be construed as abandonment or agreement with the Examiner’s position in the Office Action.

OBJECTIONS

The disclosure was objected to because the phrase “a this format” should have been “this format.” The applicants have amended the specification so that paragraph 97 now recites “this format.” The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection.

REJECTIONS OF THE CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

(a) The Examiner rejected claims 10-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not enabled. The applicants have amended independent claim 10 to recite isolating cell types having at least one antibody bound to at least one cell surface antigen. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

(b) The Examiner rejected claims 10-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants have amended independent claim 10 to recite cleavable linkage is chemically cleavable, photochemically cleavable, or enzymatically cleavable and deleted the recitation of “short lived” in claim 12. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (650) 335-7818.

Respectfully submitted,
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